

CALL FROM MOM

-- First, before anything
else, the soul chooses
its parents.

Cherry Jean, I ate some Rocky
Road that tasted funny. Would
you worry if you were me?
Are you sick?

No.

Then I wouldn't worry.

You wouldn't?

No.

Are you sure?

Yes.

Don't you feel like talking?

Mom, it's midnight.

Well, next time I'll just go
to the emergency room.

ALL ANIMALS OUT

Him and me lovey-dovey
eating corn chips
watching t.v. Reach
for each other & a cat
lands on his fly

That's it

All animals out Dog
snuffling by the dresser,
cat in the shoe, new kitty
tunneling between the sheets,
you too, out

He's resolute Armsful
of fur head for the door
See you later Binky,
Poochie and Face

Fragile coexistence bites
the dust again

ON THE CHASE

Motorcycle cop doing
ninety Cutting
lanes on the
Harbor Freeway
After someone

This is why
he studied the Code
took the Oath
Now and forever hot
as a firecracker
L.A.'s finest taught
by the best how to bad-
ass down the road
for free

-- Cherry Jean Vasconcellos

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